

# Gladiator News

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## Gladiators Care Program continues to make a difference in the community

Press Release

The Bradenton Gladiators were doing more than just spending time with its family and friends during the holidays; they were continuing to assist those in the community in any way that they can. To ensure that needy families were able to enjoy their holiday, the Gladiators pulled together to organize its Thanksgiving giveaway on November 23, 2011.

Through its "Gladiators Care Program" the Bradenton Gladiators provides complete Thanksgiving meals and Christmas gifts for qualified low income families in Manatee County.



"During the holidays we can't forget about those who are less fortunate; and in this tough economy, every little bit helps. Those involved with the Organization are extremely excited about this program. This program allows the Gladiators to develop a true connection with the families we are helping", said Bradenton Gladiators' President Edrick Sweeting.

Each year, several qualifying families in need are selected through the Gladiators Care Program. On Wednesday, November 23, those families were delivered complete Thanksgiving meals including turkey, ham and all of the fixings.

In addition, they received other food items to help throughout the holiday season.

When asked about the experience, one recipient stated that she was "overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of the Gladiators. I want to thank them for making this Thanksgiving so wonderful. I feel blessed."

"Gladiators Care Program" – making a difference in our community! Family applicants must complete a screening process and provide residency information, proof of income, etc. to qualify.

Be on the look out for information regarding the Gladiators efforts to provide underprivileged children with toys for Christmas.



The Bradenton Gladiators, Inc. is a federal non-profit 501(c) 3 tax exempt organization that is more than just football. It as a community based organization that is constantly growing its roots in the community.

"The Bradenton Gladiators, Inc is an organization steeped in second chances, offering those in the surround communities another try at not just football – but at life!" Since inception, the organization has given out educational awards/scholarships; thousands of school supplies and toys for underprivileged children; mentored several at risk youth; sponsored football camps and clinics; help build a playground for community kids; provided food to families during the holidays; the list goes on and on.